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Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students.

What better books can there be than the book of humanity?

- César Chávez

Library Prepares for Move Downtown

Welcome to the New Year! 2012 is going to be an amazing year for all of us especially for GCC Library. The Library staff members look forward with great excitement and renewed hope and expectation to the final plans of our move to the new college facility downtown. One thing we can promise you for sure is that the library is ready for the transition and the welcome change. In preparation for the move to the downtown campus, the library has continued to evaluate and streamline its collections and services.

Library Collections - At the end of this semester, the Long Wharf campus and the North Haven campus library collections will be combined as the library migrates to a new single-campus database. Throughout Summer and Fall 2011, library materials that had never circulated, had not circulated in the last ten years, or were outdated, in poor physical condition or inappropriate for the collection, were withdrawn from the catalog.

Library Reserves - Some evaluation and removal of reserve materials was done during Fall 2011 and will continue this semester. Most library-owned materials will be returned to the main collection, excluding videos and a small number of books that are clearly still being actively used. Non-library-owned materials that have never circulated, as well as materials that have not circulated for more than three years, will be withdrawn from the catalog and held for the duration of this semester. Then they will have library markings removed and will be donated to students. At the conclusion of the Spring 2012 semester, the entire reserve database will be taken down, and a new one built. This new database will be set up to best facilitate student, faculty, and staff searches for relevant course materials, and it is being done to ensure that students have access to the most useful, timely, and relevant course materials possible. The library will be unable to accept new reserve materials until the move to the downtown campus is complete and the Fall 2012 semester begins. We can accept new materials to be placed on reserve beginning August 13. However, processing time will be longer than usual and we will try to process as much as possible before classes begin in the new facility.



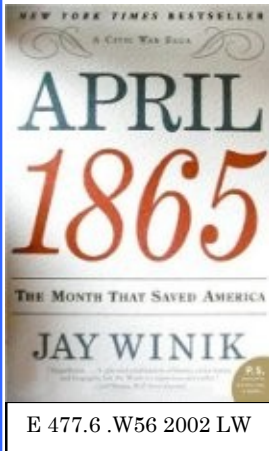
New Library Learning Commons

The GCC Library Learning Commons in the new facility will be a vibrant, student-centered learning space encompassing the second floor of the Library. There are many components to the Commons, including print and electronic resources, quiet and group study rooms, collaborative pods (Cpods), comfortable chairs, service desks, self check-out, expert research help, IT Computer Help Desk, production rehearsal room, and wireless access, plus desktop computers offering access to email, printing and scanning. A new facility, the Commons area will give students a central location for online research and computer work of all kinds. Collaborative workstations will be featured in the Commons and in private study rooms throughout the main floor. Those who require quiet study space will find it on the lower floor, amid the main book stacks and periodicals section. In support of Gateway's Early Childhood Education program and Early Learning Center for pre-school children, the library will continue to offer a children's area, with books, special seating and decoration, to encourage learning in the youngest members of the Gateway community. GCC IT Services will collaborate with the Library to offer services in the Learning Commons. This is where we want students to spend quality time transforming information into learning, exploring and creating ideas and sharing insights with other students.

--Dr. Clara A. Ogbaa, Director of Library Services

Faculty Focus

Book Reviews



Issues of the Civil War – preservation of the Union, states rights, abolition of slavery – are presented in a balanced way by historian Jay Winik in the enthralling account of one month at the close of the Civil War. After four years of political breakdown, grueling battles, horrific bloodshed, and the irreplaceable loss of property on American soil, April 1865 marked the end of the Civil War. Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee met at Appomatox where Grant accepted Lee's surrender of his Confederate Army. Although they honorably signed the armistice, the war was actually continued in the Western frontier, as smaller bands of militia kept on fighting for their cause. Then, just days later, in Ford's Theatre, President Abraham Lincoln, a man deeply saddened and weary of war, was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, leader of the gang of conspirators. Yes, April 1865 was the month that critically changed America. But how did it save America, as the title states? April 1865 was a new beginning that signified a month of resolution, reconciliation, and hope for renewal of America's unity and Constitutional foundations.

Author Jay Winik is a scholar of US history, as he aims to lead readers through climactic events preceding the war and during every day of the war. With his vivid, imagistic, narration, Winik carefully places the readers into every scene - in the White House, on the floors of Congress, in the homes of families, and most of all on the bloody grounds where humanity is violated, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Winik includes much primary research such as original documents and photos that capture the dissolution of our country and those who played key roles during that period. This book is one of the very best resources for understanding, in a deeply personal way, how our country was almost destroyed, while statesmen as well as the American people themselves, struggled in their conflicts to preserve their freedom to choose.

— Jean Incampo, Gateway CC English Adjunct Lecturer



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The book titled *Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin* is a shocking account of a little known horrendous event which took place between 1933 and 1945 in Western Europe. This is the story of mass murder by Hitler and Stalin of fourteen million civilians. Each dictator committed mass genocide for his own political and crazed agenda. Joseph Stalin, who was the dictator of the Soviet Union, systematically starved millions of his own people because they did not respond to his National Socialist program of Communism. These individuals, who were murdered, were not soldiers or in any combat situation. They were men, women and children who lived in Poland and western Russia and whose occupation was that of agriculture. Hitler also committed mass murder on the Jewish population along with killing Poles, Ukrainians and anyone who he thought did not belong to his political and philosophical belief system.

Many Americans have no idea concerning what has come to be known as "The Bloodlands" which was an area where continual mass murder of civilians was committed by both the Germans and the Soviets for their own insane rational. History can and does repeat itself to those who are unaware of its events. Professor Timothy Snyder of Yale

University has written an account of the death of over fourteen million people who suffered and died horribly. Recently, I attended his lecture at Yale University and read this moving and chilling account. This is a must read.

— Patricia Schnepf, Gateway CC History Adjunct Lecturer

New Library Resources

Databases

The library has recently added several new subscription databases and an ebook collection. from ABC-CLIO. All databases are accessible 24/7 via myCommNet and provide full-text articles and electronic books.

- *African American Experience*
- *World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras*
- *Issues: Understanding Controversies & Society*
- *ABC-CLIO eBook Collection*

Scanner

Use the new library scanner to scan color or black-and-white images or documents onto a flash drive or send to your email. Copyright laws apply.



Library Staff Professional Development

Clara Ogbaa, Jianxin Yang, Martha Lipowski and Bill Maisfehl attended the CT Council of Librarians annual conference at Manchester Community College on January 10, 2011. Bill Maisfehl did a presentation at the conference on "Capturing Statistics."

Shauna Carrano attended a workshop on "Libraries and Change" at Wallingford Public Library on November 8, 2011.

Martha Lipowski attended "Education Disparity and Minority Youth Symposium" at Quinnipiac University on Sept 16, 2011.

Clara Ogbaa did a presentation, "Libraries & Banned Books: Why Books Still Matter" at the GCC Phi Theta Kappa Academic Forum, November 4, 2011.

Bill Maisfehl has been accepted into the MLS program at Southern Connecticut State University and will begin taking classes this Spring.

Staff Happenings

Librarians help out with coat drive



Library staff taking a well-deserved break the night of the event .

Library staff members came together to help out with the coat drive distribution at the annual Holiday Dinner for the Less Fortunate which was held at Gateway on December 9th. Many other staff, faculty and students from the college also volunteered to help sort, hang, and organize hundreds of coats, hats, gloves, scarfs and more, much of which was donated by the college community. New to U Consignments in Wallingford and the Knitting Grandmas from the Agency on Aging also donate items yearly. Clothing donations are solicited at the beginning of November and are stored in the library workroom until the day of the event. Co-Chair Martha Lipowski says, "It's a group effort on the part of so many people and I just want to thank everyone who helped make it so successful. It's many hours of hard work and bittersweet when you see how many people are in need, especially the children." This year marked the 11th year Gateway has been hosting the event, spearheaded by Culinary Professor Andrew Randi.

Library Workshops

The library will again be offering free, open workshops on both campuses in the Spring Semester for students, faculty, and staff. Gateway librarians will conduct the hands-on workshops which will be held **2:00pm-3:00pm** on the days listed below. Registration is available online through the library's website and walk-ins are welcome.

Long Wharf Campus

2:00pm-3:00pm

Films on Demand	Jan. 2
Using EasyBib to Create Citations	Jan. 14
How to Use iPads & eReaders	March 1
How to Search for and Use eBooks	March 13
Search GCC Library Databases	April 10
IL Learning Module in Blackboard	April 24

North Haven Campus

2:00pm-3:00pm

Films on Demand	Jan. 9
Using EasyBib to Create Citations	Jan. 21
How to Use iPads & eReaders	March 15
How to Search for and Use eBooks	March 27
Search GCC Library Databases	April 12
IL Learning Module in Blackboard	April 17

Librarian's Pick

Top Free Apps For Your Mobile Devices

- ◆ *Dictionary.com*
- ◆ *Math Tutor Lite*
- ◆ *iFormulas*
- ◆ *Learn Spanish Quick*
- ◆ *Learn French*
- ◆ *TouchCalc*
- ◆ *iTalk Recorder*
- ◆ *Survival Guide by SusaSoftX*
- ◆ *World Wiki*
- ◆ *Science Glossary*

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Library staff members welcome our students, faculty and staff.

*Your library just got better!
Stop by for all your information & research needs.*

All editions of the library newsletter are available online—go to the library's homepage and click on "Newsletter."

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Fall Semester Hours

Long Wharf

Mon & Wed	7:45-8:00
Tues & Thu	7:15-8:00
Fri	7:45-6:00
Sat	9:00-3:00

North Haven

Mon - Thu	8:00-8:00
Fri	8:00-3:00